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Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Friday, 9 November 1990, at 10.55 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. LALLAH

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The public meeting was called to order at 10.55 a.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS (agenda item 5) (continued)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that, if there was no objection, he would take it that the Working Group under article 40 of the Covenant should consist of Mr. El-Shafei, Ms. Chanet, Mr. Dimitrijevic and Mr. Aguilar Urbina, that the Working Group on Communications should be composed of Mr. Ndiaye, Mrs. Higgins, Mr. Myullerson, Mr. Ando and Mr. Prado Vallejo, and that the reserve members, who could be called upon to serve in either working group if necessary, should be Mr. Fodor, Mr. Mavrommatis, Mr. Wako and Mr. Wennergren.

2. It was so decided.

3. In reply to a question from Mr. EL-SHAFEI, the CHAIRMAN said that each of the members of the Working Group under article 40 would be responsible for preparing a draft list of issues for a particular State party report, in accordance with the decision taken earlier in the session. The Working Group would meet immediately after the current meeting to discuss the distribution of work.

4. For some time, the Committee had wished to publish a compilation of the views it had expressed in respect of communications from individuals. The Secretariat had drawn up a proposal for the preparation and financing of such a compilation, which would be circulated to members shortly.

5. Two members - Mr. Cooray and Mr. Mommersteeg - were to leave the Committee after the current session. He paid tribute to their hard work and the spirit of comradeship they had displayed during their terms of office.

6. Mr. PRADO VALLEJO remarked on the excellent way in which the Committee's activities over the previous two years had been guided by the Chairman, whose vast experience and personal qualities had helped the Committee to cope with its demanding schedule.

7. He, too, was sorry to see the departure of Mr. Mommersteeg and Mr. Cooray. Mr. Cooray's legal expertise and Mr. Mommersteeg's serious-minded approach to the Committee's work had been invaluable. He hoped that both colleagues would continue to work for the cause of human rights in their personal capacities.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

8. The CHAIRMAN thanked members for their unswerving support during his chairmanship and paid particular tribute to the staff of the Centre for Human Rights and the Under-Secretary-General, Mr. Martenson, who had done a great deal to increase public awareness of the Committee's work. He also wished to thank the supporting staff - interpreters, précis writers and technicians - and the non-governmental organizations, which did so much to vitalize the Committee's work. He declared the fortieth session of the Human Rights Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 11.10 a.m.